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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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States Power Gas Utility for a Miscellaneous
Rate Change to Establish a New Area
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 27, 1998, Northern States Power Gas Utility (NSP-Gas or the Company) requested an extension of time to file annual reports regarding its three New Area Surcharge (NAS) expansion projects.

The Commission met on April 9, 1998 to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In support of its request NSP-Gas explained that its resources are limited at this time because of the need to respond to the discovery phase of its gas rate case. As a consequence, NSP-Gas stated, the Company needs more time to gather the NAS information.

The Commission notes that the annual reports contain information that is relevant to the issue of what capital costs will be allowed in rate base in the Company's current rate case. The requested delay could mean it would not be available in a timely manner for the rate case. This would not be reasonable.

However, delay in receiving the annual reports until May 1, 1998 would be acceptable if the

Company introduced into the rate case information from those reports specifically relating to capital costs from the three NAS projects not forecasted to be recovered through rates or surcharges.

To expedite and assure receipt of the relevant information in a timely fashion and thereby render the requested time extension reasonable, the Commission will direct the Company to introduce the three annual reports into the record of Docket No. G-002/GR-97-1606 the day they are due to be filed with the Commission in this docket pursuant to the time extension granted herein, i.e. on May 1, 1998.

ORDER

1. NSP-Gas is hereby granted an extension until May 1, 1998 to file the 1997 compliance reports in this matter.
2. On May 1, 1998, the Company shall
 - file the required annual report with the Commission in each of these three dockets: G-002/M-94-156; G-002/M-95-443; and G-002/M-95-519; and
 - introduce copies of these reports into the record of Docket No. G-002/GR-97-1606.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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